What Is Claimed Is:

1. An image forming method for forming an image on a printable object on the basis of image data obtained by editing images of a plurality of originals, the method comprising the steps of:

determining an image composited area of a first original by indicating coordinates of the image composited area;

extracting an image extracted area of a second original to produce image data pertaining to the image extracted area by indicating coordinates of the image extracted area;

editing the image data so as to composite the image extracted area of the second original into the image composited area of the first original in order to obtain post-editing image data for representing a composite image based on the first and second originals; and

forming the composite image on a printable object in accordance with the post-editing image data.

2. The image forming method of claim 1, further comprising a step of designating an editorial process in which the image extracted area of the second original is edited relative to the image composited area of the first original, wherein the

6 editing step is performed in accordance with the

7 editorial process.

1 3. The image forming method of claim 1, wherein,

2 in a case where a portion or a whole of an image of

3 the second original is extracted, and is composited

4 into the first original, a size of an image

5 composited area of the first original is compared

6 in the editing step with a size of an image

7 extracted area of the second original, thereby

8 effecting a scaling process so as to fit an image

9 located in the image extracted area to the image

10 composited area.

4. The image forming method of claim 3, wherein

the image extracted area of the second original is

read in accordance with a scaling factor obtained

as a result of the scaling process.

1 5. The image forming method of claim 1, further

2 comprising a step of storing a portion or a whole

3 of image data pertaining to the respective first

4 and second originals, wherein a storage image

5 obtained in the storing step is read in the editing

6 step in order to composite a read image into the

7 image composited area of the first original.

6.   The image forming method of claim 3, further comprising a step of storing a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second originals, wherein a storage image obtained in the storing step is read in the editing step in order to composite a read image into the image composited area of the first original.

7.   The image forming method of claim 4, further comprising a step of storing a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second originals, wherein a storage image obtained in the storing step is read in the editing step in order to composite a read image into the image composited area of the first original.

8.   The image forming method of claim 1, further comprising a step of storing a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second originals,

wherein, in a case where a storage image of the second original obtained in the storing step is composited into the first original, a size of an image composited area of the first original is compared in the editing step with a size of an image extracted area from which the storage image has been extracted, thereby effecting a scaling

12   process so as to fit an extracted storage image to

13   the image composited area.

1   9.   An image forming system, comprising:

2   a coordinate input device which is capable of

3   indicating an image composited area of a first

4   original and an image extracted area of a second

5   original;

6   a command input device which is capable of

7   designating an editorial process in which the image

8   extracted area of the second original is edited

9   relative to the image composited area of the first

10   original;

11   a scanner section which reads image data on

12   the first and second originals;

13   an editing device which edits image data

14   pertaining to the image extracted area of the

15   second original so as to composite the image

16   extracted area of the second original into the

17   image composited area of the first original, in

18   accordance with the editorial process designated by

19   the command input device, in order to obtain post-

20   editing image data for representing a composite

21   image based on the first and second originals; and

22   a print device which forms the composite image

23   on a printable object in accordance with the post-

24   editing image data.

10. The image forming system of claim 9, wherein, in a case where a portion or a whole of the second original is extracted, and is composited into the first original, the editing device compares a size of an image composited area of the first original indicated by the coordinate input device with a size of an image extracted area of the second original, thereby effecting a scaling process so as to fit an image located in the image extracted area to the image composited area.

11. The image forming system of claim 10, wherein the editing device performs a process for causing the scanner section to read the second original in accordance with a scaling factor obtained as a result of the scaling process.

12. The image forming system of claim 9, further comprising a storage device which stores a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second originals read by the scanner section,

wherein the editing device reads a storage image from the storage device, and composites a read image into the image composited area of the first original.

13.   The image forming system of claim 10, further comprising a storage device which stores a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second originals read by the scanner section,

wherein the editing device reads a storage image from the storage device, and composites a read image into the image composited area of the first original.

14.   The image forming system of claim 11, further comprising a storage device which stores a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second originals read by the scanner section,

wherein the editing device reads a storage image from the storage device, and composites a read image into the image composited area of the first original.

15.   The image forming system of claim 9, further comprising a storage device which stores a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second originals read by the scanner section,

wherein, in a case where a storage image read from the storage device is composited into the first original, the editing device compares a size

9   of an image composited area of the first original

10   indicated by the coordinate input device with a

11   size of an image extracted area from which the

12   storage image has been extracted, thereby effecting

13   a scaling process so as to fit an extracted storage

14   image to the size of the image composited area of

15   the first original.